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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been amended as shown in the enclosed Replacement Abstract for better conformance to U.S. practice. Further, the specification has been amended for conformance with the drawings.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-10 have been amended for better clarity, such as beginning the dependent claim with 'The' instead of 'A', changing "characterized in that" to --wherein--, and deleting reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Claims 1-10 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 6-8 contain allowable subject matter. By means of the present amendment,

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independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to substantially include the features of allowable claim 8 which has been canceled without prejudice. Further, claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form. In addition, new independent claim 11 has been added that includes features similar to that of the allowable claim 6.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 6, 9 and 11 be allowed. In addition, as claims 2-5, 7 and 10, depend from independent claims 1 and 6, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 2-5, 7 and 10 also be allowed.

Further new independent claim 12 has been added which is believed to be patentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,734,436 (Abe) for at least the following reasons.

Abe teaches displaying characters and graphics along with regular television programs, as recited on column 2, lines 55-59. The characters and graphics may be displayed on one of two sections of a split screen, and may be enlarged. In particular, the characters and graphics are included in a script to provide bidirectional service. As shown in FIGs 6B-6F, and described on column 9, lines 1-10, teletext/data including characters and

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graphics may be displayed simultaneously with regular television programs. Alternatively, the characters and graphics may be displayed on the entire screen as shown in FIG 7B.

Abe does not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 12 which, amongst other patentable elements, requires:

wherein a predetermined number of said output images have said output parts corresponding to one second input part of said second input parts so that said one second input part is constantly displayed over said predetermined number of said output images. (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claim 12 be allowed. In addition, claims 13-19 should also be allowable based on their dependence on claim 12, as well as for including features similar to allowable claims 6 and 8 in claims 16-17.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to

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submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded. And in particular, no official notices are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due beyond the fee for two additional independent claims to be charged to the credit card as noted by the enclosed authorization. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to Applicants' representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

An image display apparatus (400) for displaying a series (102) of consecutive output images (110-114) which are based on a series (100) of consecutive input images (104-108), with the series (100) of consecutive input images (104-108) comprising including a first image (108) and a second image (106), is arranged to split the images (104-108) of the series (100) of consecutive input images (104-108) in first parts (128-132) and second parts (116-120); and to display a first one (112) of the output images (110-114) which comprises include a first block of pixels (136) corresponding to a first one (132) of the first parts (128-132) of the first input image (108) and a second block of pixels (124) corresponding to a first one (118) of the second parts (116-120) of the second input image (106).